

MINUTES

AILG Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 | W59-237 | Meeting called to order at 6:20PM by Steve Baker

In Attendance

Board: Steve Baker (TX), Alice Leung (ET) Anya Kattf (AP), Eric Cigan (LCA), Akil Middleton (ZP)

Staff and alumni: Henry Humphreys, Bob Ferrara, Jacob Oppenheimer, Brittany Scancarella, Scott Klemm, Tom Holtey, John Covert, Mark Thompson, Pat McCabe, Pam Gannon

Students: Abasi Onuoha, Sam Oppenheim, Sasha Crandall Fleischman

Approval of Minutes (Eric Cigan)

Minutes for the September 2015 board meeting were accepted as revised.

FSILG Office update (Henry, Bob Ferrara, Jacob Oppenheimer)

Recruitment – Jacob provided overall statistics to date.

- Fraternities recruited 314 members, for a total population of 1,141
- ILGs recruited 12 members, for a total population of 117
- Sororities recruited 233 members for a total population of 745

Social events policy – Jacob noted that there has been good feedback on the last draft of the policy, and that a new draft has been circulated to the student council executive boards. It should go to the AILG board for next meeting.

Disciplinary incidents – Jacob reported there would be a rehearing for one group, with 18 incidents overall so far. Jacob and other FSILG staff commended students on how they handled Halloween. Jacob commented on activity in Cambridge FSILGs while Brittany reported on Boston FSILGs, noting that there was a crowd of about 500 students in the area of MIT FSILGs. Sam observed that many of these students didn't have any specific party invitations and were trying to get into events uninvited.

New sorority – Brittany told us DPE had colonized with 31 members, and would be chartering on December 11th.

Student council updates and issues (Sasha, Sam, Obasi)

IFC recolonization policy - Obasi explained that IFC would be creating a new recolonization policy to prepare for the return of suspended fraternity chapters like DU and LCA. The current IFC policy on the topic is skeletal and inadequate, hence the need for a new, formal re-recognition policy. IFC has frozen new petitions for recolonization until policy is done, which is expected before the beginning of the spring 2016 semester.

IFC elections – Sam let us know IFC officer elections would take place Thursday, and elected officers will take office in January.

LGC, Panhel – no report

Finances (Anya)

Overall finances are in good shape. On the income side, we just have IRDF to collect and on expense side, everything has been coming in as expected.

Announcements – Bob reminded all that the AILG Holiday party would be held in the Hulsizer room on December 3rd, with the AILG board meeting taking place at 6pm, and the holiday party starting around 7pm. Also the **AILG Annual meeting** is tentatively planned for Wednesday, June 8th, and a candidate speaker for the meeting would be Bob Millard '73, Chairman of the MIT Corporation. The location hasn't been determined, but the new MIT Faculty Club or MIT Museum are possible locations.

Ad-hoc Committee on Locals (Alice, Eric) – Alice gave a summary of the report which will be circulated prior to the next board meeting. The report will include the idea of creating an organization referred to as the FSILG Alliance that could function in lieu of a National for unaffiliated chapters.

Facilities (Pat)

- **TEP roof deck** – the committee recommended TEP's roof deck with a capacity of 11, and the board voted to approve TEP's roof deck capacity of 11.
- **Kitchen hoods** – Pat wanted to let everyone know that the servicing and maintenance of kitchen hoods has been becoming an issue in Boston, which has been tightening its policy, especially for kitchens with fryolators.
- **Recycling** - The Facilities Committee encourages FSILGs to take advantage of recycling program in Back Bay.
- **Fire drills** - American Alarm is running fire drills of houses starting tomorrow and up through the week of Thanksgiving.
- **Other** – Committee is working with FCI to update the types of records stored in the lockers. Next committee meeting is Nov 18th.

Parents Outreach (Pam)

- She has updated the Parent Outreach handout based on data from Jacob and Brittany, including information on student support services.
- She's doing further information gathering on the needs of undergrads, so she's attended Panhel and IFC meetings so far and plans to attend an LGC meeting. The feedback from students was that some students don't join FSILGs because of their parents, and that the parents need to be reached *before* students arrive to start their freshman year, so having a presence at CPW could be helpful.
- Parents Family weekend took place a couple weeks ago, with 2,000 parents registered. FSILGs that held events found them to be very popular.

Community relations (Bob) – Jim Lattimer is new chairman. The Community Relations Committee is basically serving as a clearing house to bring together student leaders, staff, and FSILG alumni in 1) recording good publicity for MIT FSILGs and publicizing the good things they do for the community and 2) seeking good ideas for new public service and "good neighbor" events. The committee is trying to recognize opportunities that occur seasonally and is planning a number of activities for MIT's "100 Years in Cambridge" celebration, with a focus on events on April 19th, 2016.

IRDF (Tom) – Tom circulated copy of IRDF's annual report to plenary for presentation at plenary next week.

Fraternity Culture Committee (Steve) – Steve restated the committee's four initiatives in mentoring, educating alumni, relationship agreement (policy) and a chapter support initiative.

IT (Bob, Scott) – all major work of IT committee finished, all FSILGS are connected and wireless is working. Committee is now working on getting phone numbers for all the houses that can be used going forward.

Insurance – started renewal requests from carrier, renewal in April

Accreditation – no report.

Strategic initiatives (Steve)

Steve Baker gave us a brief update on a number of related topics.

DSL Visiting Committee – Steve discussed the visiting committee program. Visiting committees include trustees, alumni and subject matter experts, and conduct high-level review of what’s going on. Steve is on the DSL Visiting Committee, where he gave a presentation on value of FSILGs, and Steve DeFalco ’83 (DTD) gave presentation on FSILG Village. He noted that the DSL Visiting Committee appreciates the work of AILG and will to recommend MIT that it engage with AILG community in planning for FSILG Village.

FSILG Village - Steve Baker and Steve DeFalco presented to senior MIT leadership about six weeks ago on FSILG Village, and we now awaiting comments from them before going public.

VPSL Search – the search for Dean Colombo’s replacement is underway. The position has been given a VP title to attract the right level of candidates. Steve is on the search committee along with Obasi from IFC. The goal is to have finalists here for interviews in February.

First-year experience – Chancellor Barnhart has asked for input on creating freshman-only dormitories in the future to improve the first-year experience. Steve noted this would be favorable to FSILGs since students would be compelled to move out for their sophomore year.

PGD future – Chancellor Barnhart has appointed a committee to revisit Fiji’s lifetime ban from campus.

Old Business

Recruitment program review (Jacob, Akil) – This program is an outgrowth of strategic plan. They are trying to evaluate recruitment practices, and want to build on successes of last couple recruiting surveys using focus groups to get more data. They want to determine what students’ expectations are, and what is their level of satisfaction. Three major groups to talk to: students who disaffiliate, students who’ve gone thru first-year experience, and seniors. They are reaching out to Panhel to get survey questions. Goal is to have all questions by end of semester, get feedback, and to do focus groups in late IAP or early Spring 2016 semester.

Outreach to sorority alumnae advisors (Anya) – met a couple times, have a good proposal that builds on FCI contact system, targeting initial data request in IAP timeframe. Working on starting point for collecting data.

New business

The IFC risk management topic was tabled.

The November 17th plenary will be held 7:30AM in the Mezzanine Lounge, and the board discussed the planned agenda.

Adjournment and Next Meeting

Motion to adjourn was made and was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:32PM

The next AILG board meeting will be held Thursday, December 3rd, 2015 in the Hulsizer Room at Ashdown House.